

Never mind the groundhog, he's unworthy of remark; keep on getting ready for the spring-time and the lark.

There are still some signs of agriculture in Cuba. They are planting Spaniards extensively down there this season.

There is something in a sweetheart that surpasses art's design, and the honest sight you send her beats the gayest valentine.

Don't quarrel with the almanac, but whistle, work and sing; the daisies and the whip-poor-wills will tell you when it's spring.

One thing for Cleveland may claim in spite of caustic blabbing, his friends have stabbed him not for he had none to do the stabling.

Unless Mr. Cleveland's duck blind infirmity can be remedied, he will probably never be able to recognize the proprieties in national affairs.

The Alaskan gold fields undoubtedly cover a smaller area than many suppose. England demands only 3,000,000 acres on the borders now in dispute.

The German emperor is a great composer, yet he has been doing nothing lately to compromise his royal grandmother. William evidently cares little for the applause of relatives.

The sweet girl graduate who proposes to send this paper an original poem on her father's corn crib is requested to wait a few weeks. The roads are not in condition for moving corn cribs now.

A keen-sighted paragrapher has defined classical music as "the kind you have to like whether you like it or not." That fellow could probably give a good definition of loyalty to the Democratic party.

The rest of Europe having failed to manage the Sultan, it now seems Laureate Arbutnot might be given a chance. Justin might be his odes car at him. If one of us shall be called into us, we shall see the effect of barbarism on a society.

Republicans do not criticize Tillman's speech so much because of what was said as because of the way he said it. Strychnine itself is good medicine sometimes, but it should always be given by a capable physician.

It is pleasant to note a growing candor among the Democratic journals, one of which recently explained its unbecoming antipathy to the Republican party by denouncing it as "the good old party of God and morality."

It really seems everything is against the Democrats at present. Even the Roentgen process, by which the invisible can be photographed and all things can be "looked in to," will make former State Treasurers of that political faith exceedingly nervous and uneasy.

Isn't it about time for the newspapers to give Rockefeller and his gifts to the Chicago University a rest? Every time he gives that institution a few million dollars the people find it out without resorting to print—their grocers announce the fact in quoting the rise in coal oil.

Embassador Bayard has made another address. Surely he is not taking time to eat. British appreciation of his eloquence is wronging his diet. He should be recalled at once. This country could never live down the disgrace caused by the death by starvation of so prominent a servant.

Cuba has only about half the population this country had at the time of that little fall of tea in Boston harbor, yet those few people have had far greater wrongs to endure. As the case now stands, the people of this country can hardly sneer at Great Britain's policy toward the Armenians. But the administration at Washington does not represent the sentiment of the majority. If the Cuba case can hold out until the United States government becomes again an oracle of patriotism and independence, they may expect sympathy of a substantial kind.

Tolstoi claims he frequently receives letters from men asking his advice as to their entering the army, to which he always replies, "After any punishment rather than a violate God's supreme law, 'Thou shalt not kill.'" If the Russian apostle of peace can proselyte the Turk and the Spaniard, he will not have lived in vain.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

The caucus of republican Senators which nominated Mr. W. A. Shaw, of Spokane, Washington, to be Secretary of the Senate, Mr. H. L. Grant, of N. C. to be Sergeant-at-Arms, and Mr. Alonzo Stewart, of Iowa, to be Assistant doorkeeper, authorized Senator Sherman to call up the question of the election of these officers when ever he sees fit, but he is not expected to do so until assured that they can be elected. In other words, until certain that at least one populist will vote with the republicans. That leaves matters in an indefinite shape. Senator Frye has been unanimously elected President pro tem, but when the other republican officials can be elected nobody knows. It may be to-morrow; it may be not at all.

The outlook for the House tariff is not encouraging, no matter whether Senator Quay's resolution to re-commit the free coinage substitute, which the Finance committee last week reported to the committee, be adopted or not. If adopted there is nothing to show that Senator Jones, of Nevada, who holds the balance of power, will allow anything but a free coinage substitute to be reported from the committee. And if it is adopted, there is little hope of getting the tariff bill through the Senate.

The House will refuse to concur in this week's coinage substitute. The Senate free bond bill, and the substitute will be sent to conference, where it is likely to remain.

The syndicate represented by J. Pierpont Morgan will get about one-third of that bond issue, simply because its bid for the entire issue was a timely fraction higher than that put in by the syndicate represented by another New York banker. Whether Mr. Morgan made his close shave by reason of advance information—he probably did—is a question, but the most important fact connected with Mr. Morgan's bid was that although the market quotation for these bonds was a little lower than it was last year when he made that private deal with Mr. Cleveland for the \$62,000,000 bond issue, and that these bonds will have one year less to run, his bid for the bonds was about seven cents on the dollar—\$7,000,000 in all—in excess of the price he paid for the same bonds one year ago.

Has the Senate a right through a select committee to investigate the election of members of a State Legislature which elects a U. S. Senator? That is the problem which has been referred to a subcommittee of the Senate Election committee, and the answer will probably determine what action the committee will take upon Senator Allen's resolution for an investigation of the Alabama legislative election which preceded Senator Morgan's last election to the Senate.

The vote of forty to twenty-eight, by which the Senate referred the resolution providing for the distribution of several of the regular appropriation bills among committees—they now all go to the Appropriations committee—to the Committee on Rules with instructions to report back on the first day of the next session, was a great compliment to Senator Allison, who is chairman of the Committee on Appropriations. There is little doubt that a majority of the Senate would have voted for the change had it not been for the fear that such action by the Senate at this time would have been constructed by some people as a reflection upon Senator Allison.

Notice is hereby given that the Republican central committee of Adair county, will meet at the office of T. J. Dockery in Kirksville on Saturday, Feb. 22, 1896, to transact such business as may come before it.

Testimony of a Graduate of the Kirksville Branch Thompson Liquor Cure.

To any one who may chance to read these lines about the Thompson Cure I would say it will cure any man who is a slave to the demon drink no matter how old he may be nor how young he may be, nor how long he may have drank liquor. It will make a man of you. It will make you rejoice to know that you are lifted out of the "slough of despond" into which strong drink has thrown you. It makes happy wives and children. A man will gain friends. His neighbors will think more of him and will grasp him by the hand and say, "We are glad you have had the manhood to come out and take the Thompson cure." Strong drink has sent many a bright and prosperous man down to destruction and death.

Why let this monster hold you down, take your time, your money and everything you should hold dear when you can so easily get rid of it? This you can do and do effectually by taking the Thompson Cure. It is truly, to my mind, one of the most wonderful discoveries of the age. There cannot be too much said in its favor. It builds a man up in every way, takes away his appetite for strong drink and fills his mind with purer thoughts and higher aspirations. A man is not asked to pay a cent until he is fully satisfied he is cured, and then the amount is but one third the cost of the Keeley Cure, being but fifty cents.

To any and all men who drink I would say, and I speak from experience, your promises to family and friends to stop this accursed habit of strong drink, do not amount to anything. How many times you have made such promises and just as many times you have broken them. The habit has become a disease and you cannot resist it any more than you could throw of any other malignant disease without help. You, young man or old man, to you I would say you can get that help by taking the Thompson Cure. You can be a happy man; you can be a monied man; you can be a respected man.

The following poem is so appropriate that I cannot resist the temptation to quote it by way of conclusion:

I met him just at the close of day, at the grog shop door,
His eyes were sunk, his lips were parched, I viewed him o'er and o'er.
His infant boy stood by his side, and lisping to him said,
"Oh father dear mother is sick at home and sister cries for bread."
Hembling rose and staggering in, as oft times had before,
And faltering, to the landlord said, "pray give me one glass more!"
The glass was given, to his parched lips is pressed the poisonous bowl.
He drinks, while wife and children starve, and brings ruin to his soul.
One year elapsed, I passed that way, a crowd was at the door,
I asked the cause, when one replied, "the drunkard is no more."
I saw the hearse go slowly by, no wife, no child was there,
They too, had joined their mother earth, and left this world of care.

Come, all ye men, both young and old, a warning take by me,
And never trifle with a glass or a drunkard you will be.
FRANK LOOKER.

Order of Publication in Term Time.

In the Circuit Court of Adair county, Missouri, January Term, 1896.
The state of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of William Meeks, collector of the revenue for the county of Adair, state of Missouri, plaintiff against John Morrow defendants.
Now on this 10th day of January 1896, comes the above named plaintiff, by his attorney, and it appearing to the court said defendant has not been served with process in this cause and that he is a non resident of the state of Missouri, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him, Wherefore it is ordered by the court that publication be made, notifying said defendant that an action has been commenced against him by petition in the circuit court of Adair county, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a judgment against said defendant for the sum of three and fifty dollars aggregate amount of taxes for the years 1894, 1895, and 1896, and levied upon and against the real estate hereinafter described, owned by the defendant. Said taxes due and delinquent on said land, with interest thereon as provided by law, together with commission, attorney's fees and cost of said proceedings. Also to have judgment declared a lien in favor of the state of Missouri upon the following described lands, lying and being situate in the county of Adair and state of Missouri, to-wit:

31 1/2 acres being the west half of the east 27 acres of the south west quarter of section 35, township 61, range 14.

And also to enforce said lien and to obtain a decree for the sale of said real estate, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment, interest, commission, fees and costs, and unless you, said John Morrow the said defendant be and appear at the next circuit court of the circuit court of Adair county, Missouri, to be begun and held at the court house in Kirksville, on the third Monday in May, 1896, and answer to or plead to said petition on or before the sixth day of said term (should the term so long continue, and if not, then before the end of the term), the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment rendered as asked for in plaintiff's petition. It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the Weekly Graphic a weekly newspaper published in said Adair county, for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least 15 days before the commencement of the next term of this court.

A true copy. Attest GRANT CORBIN, Clerk.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Cottage of 4 rooms for sale cheap or will rent for \$7 per month. Two nice lots. Inquire at Graphic office.

If you have a hard beard or tender face, remember that the O. K. shop is the place to get your work done.

It Still Continues

The Big Slaughter Sale,

Clearing out Sale

AT PICKLER'S FAMOUS

The Crowds that go there and the Bundles they carry away give proof that the Bargains are AS GREAT AS ADVERTISED.

SEVERAL HUNDRED GOOD SUITS OF CLOTHES Still Left at 25 to 35 per cent. less than they can be bought elsewhere.

100 Pairs of Pants—All wool at \$1.98. 100 pairs of \$3 Pants—All wool at \$2.25. 100 Suits Boys Clothing at about half price.

THE BIG CUT In the entire stock of Shoes, Mens', Womens' and

Children's will still be continued—a great opportunity to save money and get fresh, first class goods in the shoe line.

Underwear, Hosiery, Gloves, Mittens, Blankets, etc., At greatly reduced prices. Carpets and Oil Cloths also reduced.

OVERCOATS:

We have about 75 GOOD OVERCOATS left yet that will be sold at 35 per cent discount; making a \$10 Overcoat cost \$6.50; a \$15.00 Overcoat cost \$9.75; and a \$5.00 Overcoat cost \$3.50. A good line of BOYS OVERCOATS go in at the same cut prices.

CLOTHING CUT:

We have on hand a large number of Men's, Boys and Childrens Suits of various grades, all bought for the fall and winter trade; just the kind for good service and the kind that always proves satisfactory to the purchaser. Greatly reduced prices will be made on the entire stock of Clothing. GOOD ALL WOOL PANTS AT \$1.98 per pair. All Wool Suits at \$5.00 and all other clothing to correspond.

Blankets and Cotton Flannels:

Being overstocked on Blankets and Cotton Flannels, a general clean up will be made of these lines. A little less than cost will make them move and that's the kind of a price that will be made on them. THEY MUST BE SOLD.

DRESS GOODS, HOSE, ETC.

All our nice Henriettas, Serges, Novelties, Plaids and Cheaper Dress Goods will be put in this Sale. A great big slice off the usual price will enable the ladies to get choice fabrics at manufacturer's wholesale prices. Silks, Satins and Velvets all go in at the cut rates.

SHOES CUT:

By far, the largest and best selected stock of Men's, Women's and Childrens Shoe's to be found in Kirksville is the stock in our store. It has been decided to put the entire stock in on the CUT PRICE SALE, thus giving an opportunity to get your shoes, fine, coarse or medium, at prices seldom offered on any first class stock. A few boots on hand will be sold at \$1.35 per pair, men's sizes.

Jackets and Cloaks:

All \$10.00 Jackets and Cloaks will be sold for \$6.00. All \$7.50 Jackets and Cloaks will be sold for \$4.00. All \$5.00 Jackets and Cloaks will be sold for \$3.00. A few \$2.75 Jackets will be sold for \$1.00. Children's Cloaks at half price. Don't you want one at this slaughter?

Underwear, Gloves, Etc.,

ALL WINTER UNDERWEAR will be reduced about one third and it is all choice. Just what you want. It will pay you to buy it and lay it away till next fall.

All Other Lines:

During this CUT PRICE SALE on all the above lines, We will also make a considerable reduction on all other goods except 5 cent muslins. All prints will go in at 4 1/2 cents per yard. Clark's 200 yard spools of thread 2 1/2 cents per spool.

Don't miss this opportunity. Great Money Saving Sale now in progress at

PICKLER'S FAMOUS.

North Side of the Square, KIRKSVILLE, MO

35c For Corn.

The above price can be obtained by calling on N. O. Minear, five miles south of Kirksville, and buying some of his full-blooded Poland Chinas, and raising some good hogs to feed your corn to. He says he has the finest lot he ever raised and is offering them at but a trifle more than Pork prices. It would do you good to see his male pigs especially, and his full blooded Poultry of which he has 7 different varieties, including mammoth bronze turkeys. Call on him or write him at Kirksville, Mo.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters remaining in the Post office, Feb. 10 1896, will be sent to the dead letter office at the expiration of 30 days.

Rev. A. K. Davis, Juno. A. Garrett, Myrtle Horson (2), A. F. Noske, Alfred Pearson, Henderson Terrell, Ernest Wright.

When calling for these letters please say advertised.

D. C. PIERCE, P. M.

Return my Book.

I have some books loaned out which I need, will you please return them. THEO. BRIGHTMAN.

WANTED—I have a half car of household goods to ship to Southern California, and want some one to use the other half of the car. Shipper can use my stock pass. For particulars call on or write G. H. Boutelle, corner Davis & Scott streets, Kirksville, Mo.

Bring on Your Poultry.

We pay for Hen Turkeys 9c
Young Tom Turkeys 7 1/2 c
Old " 7c
Chickens 6c

J. SELBY & BROS., Near O. K. depot, Kirksville, Mo.

Notice of Election.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Brashear creamery and canning company, an election will be held in the Justices office, Academy building, March 2, at 9 o'clock, a. m. for the purpose of electing nine directors for the term of one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

R. DAVIDSON, Pres.
M. F. STROCK, Sec.

Tie Haulers.

I want 10 teams to haul ties, at once. S. M. PICKLER.